

Table 38.—Poverty gap before and after SSI payments, by selected characteristics, December 1999

Characteristic	Average poverty gap (thousands of dollars)		Percentage reduction in poverty gap
	Before SSI	After SSI	
Total	25,724,456	8,962,051	65.2
Age			
Under 18	2,563,176	849,874	66.8
18–64	16,789,411	6,124,909	63.5
65 or older	6,371,869	1,987,568	68.8
Sex			
Male	10,278,386	3,460,385	66.3
Female	15,446,070	5,501,666	64.4
Race			
White	14,239,453	4,705,641	67.0
Black	9,302,018	3,776,638	59.4
American Indian, Alaska Native	689,973	269,395	61.0
Asian, Pacific Islander	1,493,012	210,376	85.9
Ethnicity			
Hispanic	4,702,372	1,707,879	65.5
Non-Hispanic	21,022,084	7,254,172	63.7

SOURCE: 1996 Survey of Income and Program Participation matched to SSA administrative records.

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